

This is the weekly report for the week ending January 11th, 2013.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th, beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 PM, followed by the regular agenda at 6:30 PM.

2. **Dornan Drive Tunnel Repair Project**

This past week, TPA Construction Inc. started mobilization for the Dornan Drive Tunnel Repair project. The project will install a drainage system to divert ground water into weep channels and the tunnel will be re-lined with a carbon fiber reinforced polymer laminate. Starting mid-January, the construction will require one of the two lanes of traffic to be closed during work hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) for the duration of the project. Temporary traffic control will be in place and portable traffic signals will be placed at each end of the tunnel. Please expect delays and limited access for pedestrians and bicycles. The project is scheduled for completion in late Spring 2013.

3. **New Richmond Program to Reduce Junk Mail**

Richmond has a new program to stop unwanted mail at the source. The City is partnering with Catalog Choice to offer residents and businesses a free service to reduce unwanted mail and phone books. Any resident or business in Richmond can create a free account at <https://richmond.catalogchoice.org> to stop unwanted catalogs, phone books, credit card offers, coupons, and other marketing material received at home and in the workplace. By using the Catalog Choice service, residents help Richmond reduce waste at the source and save money spent on waste collection and disposal.

Visit our www.richmondenvironment.org for more information on the program.



4. **Recycle Your Holiday Tree**

Please recycle your natural holiday tree through one of Richmond Sanitary Services' opportunities:

- Cut your tree to fit in your green waste cart and set the cart out on any of your regular green waste collection days (preferred method).
- Take your tree to the Golden Bear Transfer Station, located at 1 Parr Blvd, Richmond. Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Contact: (510) 970-7260.
 - Proof of residency in service area is required
 - There will be a disposal charge of \$8.00 for non-recyclable trees or no proof of residency
- If you are unable to place your tree in the green cart or take it to the transfer station, please call Richmond Sanitary Service customer service office at (510) 262-7100 to arrange for pick-up at no additional charge.



5. Recreation Highlights

Celebrations

Tickets are now on sale for both the Annual Black History Celebration on February 8th and the Annual Chinese New Year Celebration on February 16th. Both events will be held at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. Please contact the Richmond Senior Center for ticket and event information at 2525 Macdonald Avenue or 510-307-8085/510-307-8087.

Richmond Annex Senior Center Closure

The Richmond Annex Senior Center is currently closed due to facility renovations. The site will re-open for limited programming on January 22nd. For alternate senior programs please visit the Richmond Senior Center at 2525 Macdonald Avenue.

Kids 'N Motion Holiday Camp

The Shields Reid Community Center held their annual Kids 'N Motion Holiday Camp from December 17th – 21st. Thirty-three (33) youth, ages 6-12 took part in many activities including creating holiday arts & crafts, playing sports & games, and enjoying an afternoon at the Richmond Plunge. Each day participants were served lunches supplied by the West Contra Costa Unified School District Nutrition Center along with a special holiday treat, such as warm apple cider, made especially by the Shields-Reid staff.

Disabled People's Recreation Center

It was a wonderful week of festivities for participants of the Disabled People's Recreation Center, which included Christmas caroling at the George Miller Center, lunch at Sizzler's, a Holiday party and gift exchange, holiday cooking, a visit to the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, and a Friday PJ party. Happy New Year to All!

Toy Drive

The First Annual Drew Gooden Toy Drive was held at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center on December 23rd and was a huge success. Approximately 300 youth received a new toy from the foundation and were treated to a visit with Santa and Major League Baseball pitcher for the New York Yankees, CC Sabathia.





6. Public Works Updates

Facilities Maintenance Division: Carpenters completed the installation of the new apparatus room doors at Fire Station 68.

Stationary Engineers repaired the pump in the Richmond Swim Center and the water closet at the Hilltop substation.

Electricians completed the installation of the electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall Plaza, repaired wire theft at the Nicholl Park tennis courts, repaired the lights on the north bound underpass at 37th Street, and re-lamped streetlights in the Laurel Park area.



Wire Theft Repair at Nicholl Park

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews are in preparation for a tree planting event this Saturday, January 12th in the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council area.

Crews continued work on the installation of “way finding” signs in the Hilltop area, restored lighting in the Marina Green Park area, installed mulch in the Auto Plaza monument planter area, prepared the center median on the Richmond Parkway from Bay Vista Park to Giant Road for wildflower hydro-seeding, repainted the interior of the restrooms and clubhouse at Nicholl Park, repaired vandalized play equipment at Humphrey Play Lot and Raincloud Park, and installed four new benches along Esplanade Trail in the Marina.



New Signs in the Hilltop Area



Repaired Pathway Lighting at Marina Green Park



New Benches on Esplanade Trail

The Tree Crew trimmed and pruned trees on Robert Miller Drive, Hilltop Mall Road, Birmingham Drive, Hilltop Drive, Richmond Parkway, and at Raincloud Park and El Sobrante area. Crews have also continued with the removal of the dead Myoporum trees on 22nd Street.

Streets Division: Pavement Maintenance Crews ground and paved on 28th Street from Barrett to Grant Avenues and worked from the outstanding pothole list.

Street Sweeping continued with the commercial and residential routes for the first Monday and second Tuesday through Friday of the month in the Parchester Village, Hilltop Bayview, Hilltop, Hilltop Green, Fairmede/Hilltop, Clinton Hill II – IV, and East Richmond Neighborhood Council areas.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

Have a great week!

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